Mysore Middle School and Lower Secondary Examinations.

READ—

Government Order No. E. 3481-3—Edn. 194-23-2, dated 31st January 1924, revising the rules relating to the Mysore Lower Secondary Examination.

2. Government Order No. E. 5678—Edn. 187-25-2, dated 10th April 1926, approving of the proposals of the Inspector-General of Education *re* the conditions of eligibility for a pass certificate at the Mysore Lower Secondary Examination consequent on the introduction of vocational subjects as optional subjects for the examination.

3. Government Order No. E. 227—Edn. 84-25-116, dated 15th July 1926, revising the rules regarding the admission of pupils to the IV Form Class.

4. Government Order No. D. 9218-20—Edn. 84-25-127, dated 26th April 1927, passing orders on the recommendations of the Committee appointed by the Local Examinations Board to examine the causes for the large number of failures at the Mysore Lower Secondary Examination during recent years.

5. Letter No. E2. 3293-30 of 27-28, dated 22nd September 1927, from the Director of Public Instruction, submitting for approval a set of revised regulations for the Mysore Middle School and Lower Secondary Examinations in accordance with the direction contained in Government Order dated 26th April 1927.

ORDER NO. D. 7642—EDN. 276-27-2, DATED 23RD JANUARY 1928.

The revised regulations now submitted for approval embody the changes sanctioned in the Government Orders read above and include in addition the following changes:—

(1) Deletion of Elementary Science as an examination subject as arrangements have not yet been made to teach this subject in the Middle School Classes.

(2) Transfer of "Domestic Economy and Needle Work" for girl candidates, from the compulsory to the optional group as a consequence of the deletion of Elementary Science as an examination subject for boys.

(3) Fixing the fee for candidates who come up for Kannada only or Urdu only at Rs. 4, uniformly both for school and private candidates.

(4) Fixing a date for sending in requisitions for application forms for the sake of convenience.

The revised regulations for the Mysore Middle School and Lower Secondary Examinations as approved are appended to this order. These rules will come into effect from the school year 1928-29, the first examination under them being held in 1929.

In this connection, the Director of Public Instruction requests that the Local Examination Board may be empowered to make minor alterations in the rules which are more or less verbal in nature, without reference to Government. Government are pleased to invest the Local Examinations Board with the above power and direct that these alterations made by the Board be reported to Government.

N. RAMA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Development Departments.

REVISED REGULATIONS FOR THE MYSORE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND LOWER SECONDARY EXAMINATIONS.

The following revised regulations for the Mysore Middle School Examination and the Mysore Lower Secondary Examination sanctioned by Government shall come into effect from the school year 1928-29. The first examination under these rules will be held in 1929.

I. There will be two sections of the examination under each of the Middle School and Lower Secondary Examinations as detailed below:—

(*a*) i. Middle School Examination, till now known as the English Lower Secondary Examination, with English of the standard of the Fourth Year Middle School Class as a compulsory subject.

ii. Middle School Examination with English *only* of the standard of the Fourth Year Middle School Class.

(*b*) i. Lower Secondary Examination, till now known as the Vernacular Lower Secondary Examination, with English of the standard of the Second Year Middle School Class, as a compulsory subject.

ii. Lower Secondary Examination with no English.

II. The Middle School Examination shall be open to:—

(*a*) *School Candidates.*—Pupils of the Fourth Year Class of Recognised Middle Schools who shall appear for the Middle School Examination in full or in English only.

NOTE.—Candidates appearing for Section I.(*a*) ii of the examination, *viz.*, Middle School Examination in English *only*, shall have passed the Vernacular Lower Secondary Examination with or without English and shall have undergone a further course of study for not less than two years in a recognised Middle School. Such candidates shall attach to their applications for admission to the examination the certificate granted to them on their passing the Lower Secondary Examination.

(*b*) *Private Candidates.*—Teachers employed in recognised institutions.—

Applications for admission to the examination from such candidates should be countersigned by an Inspecting Officer of the Education Department not less in rank than an Assistant Inspector of Education.

ii. Boy candidates who have appeared once at least for the Middle School Examination as school candidates or the English Lower Secondary Examination (under the old rules) and failed.

Such candidates should furnish in their applications for admission to the examination, particulars regarding the year in which they appeared and their register numbers in the year of their failure.

iii. Girl candidates who have been educated privately.

Such candidates should furnish with their applications for admission to the Examination a certificate signed by an Officer of the Education Department not less in rank than the Head of a Recognised Middle School to the effect that they were not reading in any Recognised School for any part of the school year in which they appear for the examination and that they are fit to sit for the examination.

III. The Lower Secondary Examination will be open to:—

(*a*) *School candidates.*—i. Pupils of Recognised Incomplete Middle Schools who shall appear for section I (*b*) i above.

ii. Pupils of select Primary Schools who shall appear for I (*b*) ii above.

(*b*) Private candidates who may appear for either of the two Sections under I *(b)* above.—

i. Teachers employed in Recognised Institutions:—

Applications for the Examination from such candidates should be countersigned by an Inspecting Officer of the Education Department, not less in rank than an Assistant Inspector of Education.

ii. Other persons who have been educated privately:—

Such candidates should produce a certificate from the Head Master of a Recognised School or any other official of the Education Department, that they have not been admitted as students of any Recognised Schools during the academical year in which they come up for the examination.

IV. *Attendance.*—i. Pupils of Schools referred to in Section II (*a*) and III (*a*) above shall be required to have put in an attendance of two-thirds of the total number of working days from the 15th June preceding the Examination to the end of February following, in a recognised School.

ii. Such pupils as may be wanting in term may be recommended for exemption for special reasons, if any, by the Heads of the Institutions concerned.

iii. A consolidated list of only such candidates as are deficient in attendance calculated up to the end of February shall be sent by the Heads of Institutions concerned so as to reach the Secretary, Mysore Local Examinations Boards, Bangalore, not later than the 5th March. If all the candidates presented for the Examination from an institution have put in the attendance required, the Head of the Institution shall send in a certificate to that effect, to the Secretary, Mysore Local Examinations Boards, not later than the 5th March preceding the examination.

V. The Mysore Middle School and Mysore Lower Secondary Examinations will be held annually, commencing from the first working day in April at such centres as are notified by the Director of Public Instruction. The detailed Time Table relating to the Examination shall be published separately each year in January preceding the Examination.

VI. There will be no limit of age for candidates seeking admission to the Examinations.

VII. Applications from School pupils shall be forwarded by the Heads of Institutions concerned, so as to reach the Secretary, Local Examinations Boards, before the

10th December preceding the Examination and those from private candidates shall be forwarded so as to reach the Secretary, Mysore Local Examinations Boards, Bangalore, before the 1st November preceding the Examination. Applications received after due dates shall be rejected. Applications for admission to the Examination shall be submitted on printed forms which will be supplied on application to the Secretary, Mysore Local Examinations Boards, after the 1st September preceding the Examination.

VIII. No candidate shall be registered for the Examination unless he has paid the prescribed fee and has satisfied the rules in all respects.

IX. The fees for the Examination are as follows:—

(*a*) Mysore Middle School Examination:—

i.	For School candidates (Boys)	Rs. 5	(II a)
ii.	For Teacher candidates (Men)	Rs. 4	(II b i).
iii.	For Private candidates (Boys)	Rs. 8	(II b ii).
iv.	For all Girl candidates	Rs. 2½	(II a or b).

(*b*) Mysore Lower Secondary Examination :—

i.	For School candidates (Boys)	Rs. 4	(III a i or ii).
ii.	For Teacher candidates (Men)	Rs. 4	(III b i).
iii.	For Private candidates (Boys)	Rs 8	(III b ii).
iv.	For all Girl candidates	Rs. 2½	(III a or b).

NOTE.—1. Candidates who have passed the Mysore Middle School Examination with Kannada or Urdu as Second Language will be permitted to appear for the Examination in Urdu or Kannada only, respectively, as School or Private candidates on payment of a fee of Rs. 4 each in the case of boys and Rs. 2½ each, in the case of girl candidates who have passed the Mysore Lower Secondary Examination with Kannada or Urdu as First Language shall be permitted to appear for the Examination in Urdu or Kannada only respectively under similar conditions.

2. The fees shall be paid into a Mysore Government Treasury and the Treasury Receipt shall be attached to the application for admission to the Examination.

3. Fees once paid into a Treasury shall on no account be refunded or reserved for a subsequent examination.

4. Candidates belonging to Depressed Classes are exempted from payment of Examination Fees up to and inclusive of the Examination of 1929.

X. The following will be the subjects of the Examination:—

(*a*) The Mysore Middle School Examination.—

Group 'A' Compulsory.

1.	English:—			
	i. English Text and Grammar ..	1 paper of 2½ hours	80	marks.
	ii. Composition and Translation or Paraphrase.	1 paper of 2 ,,	40	,,
2.	Second Language:—Kannada, Urdu, Telugu, Tamil or English:—			
	i. Text and Grammar ..	1 paper of 2½ ,,	70	,,
	ii. Composition	1 paper of 1 ,,	30	,,
3.	Elementary Mathematics ..	1 paper of 2 ,,	100	,,
4.	History and Geography ..	1 paper of 2½ ,,	100	,,

Group 'B'—Optional.

1.	Hygiene	1 paper of 2 hours	80	marks
2.	Agriculture	1 paper of 2 ,,	80	,,
3.	Sanskrit or Persian	1 paper of 2 ,,	80	,,
4.	Domestic Economy and Needle-work (for Girls only).	1 paper of 2 ,,	80	,,
5.	Practical Instruction.			
6.	Music (Intermediate Standard of Trinity College of Music).			

Only for pupils from European Schools.

NOTE.—1. All the candidates for the examination, shall offer all the four subjects shown under Group 'A' Compulsory and any one of the subjects shown under Group 'B' Optional with the proviso that all girl candidates shall offer Domestic Economy and Needle-work.

2. Candidates who have passed the Vernacular Lower Secondary Examination with or without English may offer English only under the condition specified in the Note to Clause II (a).

3. English as Second Language will be of a higher standard than English of the Fourth Year Middle School Course and will be permitted to be taken up only by those who are 'Specially circumstanced' such as Anglo-Indians and others who do not know any of the Vernaculars included in the subjects of study for the Middle School Examination.

4. The Examination in Music shall be arranged for by the authorities of the School concerned at their own cost.

5. Candidates from European Schools who take Music as an Optional Subject and who are at the same time eligible to take English as a Second Language will be permitted to take along with Music one other subject of Division 'B' instead of 'English' as a Second Language.

6. Candidates will as a rule be required to answer the English language papers in English and the rest in their own vernacular except in the case of Europeans, Anglo-Indians and other candidates specially circumstanced, who may answer all their papers in English.

7. Candidates whose vernacular is Kannada or Urdu will be given the Kannada or Urdu version of the question papers in Elementary Mathematics and other non-language subjects and they will be required to answer the papers in Kannada or Urdu respectively and *not in English*.

8. The question papers on the several subjects such as History, Geography, Hygiene, Elementary Mathematics, etc., will be set only in English, Kannada and Urdu and candidates whose vernacular is Tamil or Telugu will be given the English version of the paper only and permitted to answer in their own vernacular or in English, as they may like.

9. The Board shall make arrangements for the conduct of the examination in subjects included under Practical Instruction through the Agency of Departmental Inspecting Officers.

10. No candidate will be allowed to offer Agriculture or any subject included under Practical Instruction unless he has studied the subject for three years in a school where provision has been made for teaching the subject.

11. Spelling and Handwriting in different languages will be taken into account in valuing the Text and Grammar papers in the several languages the marks assigned to these being indicated separately.

(*b*) The Mysore Lower Secondary Examination:—

Group 'A'—Compulsory.

1.	First Language—Kannada, Urdu.—				
	i. Text and Grammar	1	paper of	2½ hours	70 marks.
	ii. Composition	1	,,	1 ,,	30 ,,
2.	Elementary Mathematics	1	,,	2 ,,	100 ,,
3.	History and Geography	1	,,	2½ ,,	100 ,,

Group 'B'—Optional.

1	English (of the II Year Middle School standard).—				
	Text, Grammar and Translation	1	,,	2 ,,	80 ,,
2.	Hygiene	1	,,	2 ,,	80 ,,
3.	Agriculture	1	,,	2 ,,	80 ,,
4.	Sanskrit or Persian	1	,,	2 ,,	80 ,,
5.	Domestic Economy and Needle-work (for girls only).	1	,,	2 ,,	80 ,,
6.	Practical Instruction.				

NOTE.—1. The question papers in subjects other than in English will be common to the Mysore Middle School and Mysore Lower Secondary Examinations.

2. Candidates from Incomplete Middle Schools, *vide* Column III a i will be required to offer all the three subjects under Group 'A' Compulsory and two subjects under Group 'B' Optional, of which one shall be English of the II Year Middle School Standard.

3. Candidates from Primary Schools, *vide* Column III a ii will be required to offer all the three subjects under Group 'A' Compulsory and one subject under Group 'B' Optional which shall not be English.

4. All girl candidates shall offer Domestic Economy and Needle-work as one of their Optional subjects.

5. No candidate will be allowed to offer Agriculture or any subject included under Practical Instruction unless he has studied the subject for three years in a school where provision has been made for teaching the subjects.

6. Spelling and Handwriting in different languages will be taken into account in valuing the Text and Grammar papers in the several languages, the marks assigned being indicated separately.

The following classes of candidates shall be eligible for a Pass Certificate at the Mysore Middle School Examination:—

XI. (*a*) Those who, appearing under Clause I (a) ii for English only obtain not less than 40 per cent of the minimum marks for that subject (such candidates will be declared merely to have 'passed in English' without any distinction of class).

(*b*) Candidates who appearing for the full examination, obtain not less than 40 per cent of the marks in English taken as First Language and not less than 35 per cent of the marks in each of the other subjects except in any subject falling under 'Practical Instruction'. For any subject under 'Practical Instruction' a certificate from a competent authority approved by the Local Examinations Boards to the effect that 'the candidate's progress has been satisfactory' will be taken as equivalent to a pass in that subject.

(*c*) Candidates who have failed in any one subject other than English taken as irst Language, but who obtain in the aggregate not less than 50 per cent of the total umber of marks for all the subjects offered by them.

For the purpose of this rule, a candidate who takes Practical Instruction as an Optional subject and does not secure a certificate of satisfactory progress in that subject will be deemed to have failed in that subject.

XII. The following classes of candidates shall be eligible for a Pass Certificate at the Mysore Lower Secondary Examination:—

(*a*) Those who appearing for Kannada or Urdu only, obtain not less than 40 per cent of the maximum marks in that subject. (Such candidates will be declared merely to have 'passed in Kannada or Urdu only' without any distinction of class.)

(*b*) Candidates who, appearing for the full examination, obtain not less than 40 per cent of the marks in Kannada or Urdu taken as First Language and not less than 35 per cent of the marks in each of the other subjects, except in any subject falling under 'Practical Instruction'. For any subject under 'Practical Instruction' a certificate from a competent authority approved by the Local Examinations Boards to the effect that 'the candidate's progress has been satisfactory' will be taken as equivalent to a pass in that subject.

(*c*) Candidates who have failed in any one subject other than Kannada or Urdu taken as First Language, but who obtain in the aggregate not less than 50 per cent of the total number of marks for all the subjects offered by them.

For the purpose of this rule a candidate who takes 'Practical Instruction' as an Optional subject and does not secure a certificate of satisfactory progress in that subject will be deemed to have failed in that subject.

XIII. Candidates who pass in all the subjects offered by them and obtain not less than 60 per cent of the aggregate number of marks in the compulsory subjects, shall be placed in the First Class.

XIV. Candidates obtaining a First Class shall be arranged in the order of merit and those obtaining a mere pass according to centres and register numbers.

XV. Ordinarily no candidate who has not passed the Middle School Examination, taking English as Compulsory Language or any other examination which is certified by the department as its equivalent shall be admitted to the Fourth Form of any Recognised High School in the State. The Heads of High Schools are however vested with the discretion to admit pupils who have not passed the Middle School Examination, provided such candidates have passed in English and Elementary Mathematics and failed in not more than one other subject of the Middle School Examination.

XVI. In special cases not falling under the above rule, the Director of Public Instruction shall have the power on the recommendation of the Head Master of a High School to which admission is sought, to sanction admission to the Fourth Form of pupils who have been prevented from appearing for the Mysore Middle School Examination for some reason which the Director considers satisfactory or who having appeared for the examination fail either in English or Elementary Mathematics, or in more than one other subject of the Examination.

Administration Report of the Electrical Department.

READ—

Letter No. 26382, dated the 15th October 1927, from the Chief Electrical Engineer, submitting the Administration Report of the Electrical Department for the year 1926-27.

ORDER NO. E. D. S. 524-531, DATED 30TH JANUARY 1928.

Recorded.

2. Besides the work of maintenance and operation, the Department was engaged during the year on the execution of works relating to VII Installation and Electrification of several towns and supply of powers to the Hulikere Tunnel Works. Action was taken in connection with the scheme for the supply of electric pumps for irrigation purposes and the reconstruction of the Mysore-Bangalore Telephone System. Rates have been reduced for lighting and minor industries to encourage their development and stimulate further consumption. Thus the policy that is being pursued is directed towards the extended use of electric power in various directions.

The system of accounts and audit now in force was subjected to independent examination by an experienced Firm, *viz.*, Messrs. Ferguson & Co., Chartered Accountants, Bombay. They have certified to the good work done by the Financial Branch under new and difficult conditions. (*Vide* G. O. No. Fi. 2020-79—G. F. 271-26-9, dated 23rd September 1927).